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SUBJECT: SOVIET PRESS SUMMARY, TUESDAY, JULY 2

1. PRESS COVERAGE HEAVY ON MINSK VISIT. MEDIA
REPORTAGE ON THE ACTIVITIES OF MONDAY WAS VERY HEAVY
ON MINSK (INCLUDING THE EXCHANGE OF TOASTS). THIS
APPARENTLY REFLECTED THE SOVIET ASSUMPTION THAT THE
KHATYN MONUMENT AND RELATED CEREMONIES WOULD MAKE A
STRONG IMPRESSION ON THE AMERICAN SIDE AND THE WORLD
PUBLIC. THIS VIEW COMES OUT IN A BY-LINED PRAVDA
PIECE ON THE FAVORABLE REACTIONS OF THE FOREIGN PRESS
CORPS "AMONG WHOM THERE ARE MANY SKEPTICS." THE PRIME-
TIME TV NEWS SHOW "VREMYA" DEVOTED HALF OF ITS 30
MINUTES TO REPORTAGE OF THE SIMFEROPOL DEPARTURES AND
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ACTIVITIES IN MINSK AND KHATYN.

2. PRO-AMERICANA. SOVETSKAYA ROSSIYA RAN A SENTIMENTAL PIECE ABOUT THE JANUARY 1946 VISIT OF A GROUP OF AMERICAN YOUTHS TO STALINGRAD AND THEIR BRIEF PARTICIPATION IN REBUILDING THE CITY.

3. ANTI-AMERICANA. A BRIEF BUT CRITICAL ITEM ON THE PENETRATION OF THE BRITISH ECONOMY BY AMERICAN CAPITAL RUNS IN SOVETSKAYA ROSSIYA TODAY. RED STAR AVOIDS MENTION OF THE RACE OF ALBERTA KING'S SUSPECTED KILLER AND REPEATS THE SOVIET SHIBBOLETH THAT MARTIN LUTHER KING WAS THE VICTIM OF A RACIST PLOT.

4. ISRAELI DEBT. THE TASS STORY ON THE DEBT CANCELLATION (RED STAR) IS DATELINED WASHINGTON AND DOES NOT ASSOCIATE THE ACTION WITH THE PRESIDENT.

5. GRECHKO IGNORES SUMMIT. MARSHAL GRECHKO ADDRESSED A KREMLIN RECEPTION FOR GRADUATES OF SOVIET MILITARY ACADEMIES AND COMPLETELY IGNORED THE SOVIET-AMERICAN SUMMIT IN THE RED STAR ABRIDGED VERSION OF HIS SPEECH. OTHERWISE ANODYNE, HE REPEATED THE CURRENT POLICY CONSENSUS THAT THE "PARTY AND SOVIET PEOPLE DO NOT SLACKEN ATTENTION TOWARD STRENGTHENING THE DEFENSE CAPACITY OF OUR MOTHERLAND."

6. PERON. THE TASS REPORT IN THE MORNING PRESS ON PERON'S DEATH DOES NOT SAY HE HAS BEEN SUCCEEDED BY HIS WIFE -- AN INITIAL SIGN THAT THE SOVIETS DO NOT LIKE THE TURN OF EVENTS IN ARGENTINA AND MAY BE COMPELLED TO REASSESS THE RAPID BROADENING OF RELATIONS ON WHICH THEY HAD EMBARKED.
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